



Legislation Text

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Health and Human Services Agency, recommending the Board approve and authorize the Chair to sign Agreement for Services 361-O1710 with Marshall Medical Center, for the purchase of specific items to be used in accordance with the County's Hospital Preparedness Program, for the term to begin upon final execution through June 30, 2017, with a maximum contractual obligation of \$17,606.

FUNDING: 100% Federal funding administered through the California Department of Public Health, Office of Emergency Preparedness.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION:

Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) recommending the Board approve and authorize the Chair to sign Agreement 361-O1710, which provides the means for Marshall Medical Center (Marshall), as a healthcare organization and a partner to the County, to be reimbursed for the purchase of items specified in said Agreement. Agreement 361-O1710 is funded by Agreement 026-F1511 between the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and the County. Through CDPH Agreement 026-F1511, twenty-two (22) battery powered air respirators and one (1) combat application tourniquet have been identified as being needed to help ensure Marshall's operational readiness to respond to a public health or medical emergency in order to meet the requirement of the Medical Surge Capability in Agreement 026-F1511.

This reimbursement Agreement 361-O1710 is not covered by County Purchasing Ordinance Section 3.12.070, and therefore cannot be authorized by the Purchasing Agent. Board of Supervisors approval is required. HHS is recommending the Board approve and authorize the Chair to sign Agreement 361-O1710.

Additionally, HHS has determined that Marshall's purchase of the items pursuant to this Agreement 361-O1710 satisfies the criteria in County Ordinance Section 3.13.030 in that the purchase of the items under this agreement will enable Marshall to provide equipment and emergency medical services that are not feasibly provided by the County.

DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND:

Since 1997, Congress has provided funds for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to develop emergency-ready public health departments by upgrading, integrating, and evaluating state and local public health jurisdictions' preparedness for, and response to, terrorism, pandemic influenza, and other public health emergencies. The County has received this funding since 2002 in order to enhance its ability to respond to various public health emergencies.

The State of California contracts with counties with the objective that each county demonstrate progress toward achieving protections from the threat of a bioterrorist attack, infectious disease outbreak, or other public health threat or emergency under guidelines provided by the State. The current federal emphasis is to establish a capabilities-based approach to better prepare health departments to respond to public health emergencies and incidents. These funds also deploy equipment and enhance the preparedness of hospitals and health care centers to prepare for and

recover from natural disasters and other national and local public health threats and emergencies.

The County, through its Public Health Preparedness Program, has contracted with Marshall since 2005 for participation in the Hospital Preparedness Program. This Agreement will reimburse Marshall for the purchase of items/equipment to enhance Marshall's ability to respond with Public Health to a public health or medical emergency.

ALTERNATIVES:

Disapproval of Agreement for Services 361-O1710 will result in Marshall not having these battery powered air respirators and tourniquet for their staff to use during national and local public health threats and medical emergencies.

OTHER DEPARTMENT / AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

County Counsel, Procurement and Contracts, and Risk Management

CAO RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board approve this item.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no Net County Cost associated with this Agenda item. Sufficient appropriations were included in the FY 2016-2017 Budget, and will be included in future budgets for the term of the Agreement.

CLERK OF THE BOARD FOLLOW UP ACTIONS

- 1) Clerk of the Board to obtain signature of Chair on two (2) original Agreement for Services 361-O1710.
- 2) Clerk of the Board to return one (1) fully executed Agreement to the HHSA Contracts Unit at 3057 Briw Road.

STRATEGIC PLAN COMPONENT:

N/A

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